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**NEWS RELEASE**

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of a superseding indictment<sup>1</sup> against the following individuals, who are charged with a total of seven counts of bank fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1344:

SHAWN GEATHERS, a/k/a “Malik Bey”  
JAMES ROBINSON, a/k/a “Aaron White”  
YARNELL FOWLER  
RANDOLPH WASHINGTON  
EBONY KELSEY  
NORA SALTERS  
PAUL WHITESIDE, a/k/a “Puma”  
JARRETT STIFF, a/k/a “Chicago”  
JAMAL GRIFFIN  
SHARNITA JACKSON  
MICHAEL A. DAUGHERTY, JR.

**INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS**

NAMES	LAST KNOWN ADDRESSES	DATES OF BIRTH
Shawn Geathers	7020 N. Broad Street Apartment C-8 Philadelphia, PA	April 20, 1977 (27)
James Robinson	2006 N. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Street Philadelphia, PA	August 8, 1976 (28)

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<sup>1</sup> An indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

NAMES (continued)	LAST KNOWN ADDRESSES (continued)	DATES OF BIRTH (continued)
Yarnell Fowler	1125 East Upsal Street Philadelphia, PA 19050	February 19, 1980 (24)
Randolph Washington	3425 N. Smedley Street Philadelphia, PA	August 13, 1975 (28)
Ebony Kelsey	1810 S. 18 <sup>th</sup> Street Philadelphia, PA	November 12, 1984 (19)
Nora Salters	4538 N. Hicks Street Philadelphia, PA	November 30, 1979 (23)
Paul Whiteside	1226 W. Luzerne St. Philadelphia, PA	August 18, 1983 (20)
Jarrett Stiff	9200 Bustleton Ave. Philadelphia, PA	June 7, 1982 (22)
Jamal Griffin	1926 W. Rowan St. Philadelphia, PA	August 4, 1981 (23)
Sharnita Jackson	3529 N. 21 <sup>st</sup> Street, #3 Philadelphia, PA	August 9, 1977 (27)
Michael A. Daugherty, Jr.	5611 Beaumont Street Philadelphia, PA	February 27, 1985 (19)

The indictment alleges that defendant Shawn Geathers manufactured counterfeit checks on his computer, and that James Robinson recruited people (“passers”) to cash the counterfeit checks. The passers, who included all of the other defendants as well as Robinson himself, cashed and attempted to cash the counterfeit checks at banks and check cashing businesses throughout the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the years 2002 and 2003.

According to the superseding indictment (which added two additional victim banks, and one additional defendant to the original indictment), the defendants cashed or attempted to cash over \$150,000 in counterfeit checks at Commerce Bank; over \$19,000 in counterfeit checks at Citizens Bank; over \$28,000 in counterfeit checks at the Police and Fire Federal Credit Union; over \$22,000 in counterfeit checks at PNC Bank; over \$11,000 in counterfeit checks at Wachovia

Bank; over \$15,000 in counterfeit checks at M&T Bank; and over \$17,000 in counterfeit checks at Sovereign Bank.

The defendants each face a maximum term of thirty years of imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine per count.

The case was investigated by the United States Secret Service as well as the Philadelphia Police Department, the Brookhaven Police Department, the Upper Darby Police Department, and the Cherry Hill Police Department. It has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Arbittier Bromley.

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